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## Seasonable Offerings

AT  
**A GREAT SAVING**  
It is Worth Your While to Investigate

Ladies and Misses Silk Dresses  
NOW \$9.50

Ladies Spring Suits  
NOW \$16.85

Shrink-No-Mo Wash Skirts  
NOW \$2.98

Childrens Dresses, Gingham and Percalé  
NOW 98c

Extra wide Moire and Taffeta Ribbon  
NOW 20c

Gingham Aprons, well made and full size  
Now 98c

Fancy White Goods, Many Good Patterns  
Now 12 1-2c

India Linon, exceptionally good quality  
Now 20c

Fine Organdie, 42 inches wide  
Now 35c

Fancy Voile and Organdie, Colors Fast  
Now 19c

Good Quality Heavy Crash  
Now 20c

Long Cloth, 36 inches wide, soft finish  
Now 20c

Fancy Wash Skirting  
Now 25c

Black Taffeta Silk, Guaranteed  
Now \$1.48

Tub Silk, Elaborately Striped  
Now \$1.25

Dark and Light Percalé  
Now 20c

Wear-Well Sheets, 81x90  
Now \$1.98

Premium Sheets 81x90  
Now \$1.75

M. & F. Sheets 75x90  
Now \$1.25

Pillow Cases  
Now 20c-40c-50c

Bath Towels, Extra Quality  
Now 35c

Bath Towels, large size  
Now 25c

Swiss Flouncing, showy Patterns  
Now 69c

Swiss and Cambric Flouncing  
Now 48c

Brussels Rugs 9x12  
Now \$18.50

## Sam'l Levy Mercantile Co.

GOOD CLOTHES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

### AMERICAN TROOPSHIP TORPEDOED.

British Merchant Cruiser Moldavia  
Sunk in English Channel—American  
Troops on Board.

London, May 24.—The British armed merchant troop ship Moldavia, with American troops on board, has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an official bulletin issued by the admiralty this evening.

The text of the admiralty statement follows:

"The armed merchant cruiser Moldavia was torpedoed and sunk yesterday morning.

"There were no casualties among the crew, but of the American troops on board fifty-six up to the present have not been accounted for. It is feared they were killed in one compartment by the explosion.

The Moldavia was torpedoed without warning. It was a moonlight night and although a good lookout was kept, the attacking submarine was not sighted before the torpedo struck.

Most of the men aboard were in their hammocks when the explosion occurred amidships. The sailors and soldiers alike showed no panic. They fell calmly into line and awaited orders. When it was seen that the Moldavia was settling down, all on board were taken off by the escorting ships.

The men lost all of their belongings, but were supplied with new clothing at the different naval ports where they were taken.

It is believed that the American soldiers missing from the Moldavia were sleeping on the bottom deck and were overtaken by the great inrush of water after the explosion, when they were trying to reach the main deck. It also is presumed that some of the ladders were destroyed.

The vessel was struck below the bridge. She steamed ahead for some time after being struck and at first it was hoped that her watertight compartments would enable her to reach port.

London, May 24.—Fifty-six American troops on the British steamship Moldavia have been unaccounted for, says an official statement issued this evening by the British admiralty.

### The Colorado Potato Beetle.

I find that the Colorado potato beetle is doing a great damage to potatoes in this section. They should be checked at once. Spray the potatoes with arsenate of lead 3 lbs. paste or 1 1-2 lbs. powder to 50 gallons of water, or for small quantities use 3 tablespoonfuls to 1 gallon water. This should be applied when first bugs appear and repeat in about a week. The first spray will only kill the present crop of bugs, the second spray should kill the ones that hatch after the first spray was used.

The first, or newly hatched bugs, are very small, only about the size of a pin head and are very busy eating. They eat very fast and develop in only a very few days. When they lay eggs and go in a resting stage or die. It is very important that every individual render all the assistance possible for controlling the potato beetle as plants will not produce tubers if the foliage is all eaten off.

So get busy and assist in winning the war by helping to rid the country of the potato bug.

C. L. White,  
Emergency Dist. Dem. Agent.

### Bates County Graduates at Warrensburg.

The graduating exercises of the State Normal, at Warrensburg, were held Thursday evening, May 24. The following from Bates county received diplomas:

Susie Harper, Butler, English  
Marie Jensen, Amsterdam, Economics  
Ralph Pipes, Altona, General course  
Lena Virgil Payne, Amoret, History  
Hazel L. Rice, Butler, General course  
Dorothy F. Thompson, Hume, General course  
Bertha Dawson, Hume, Regents Certificate.

### Miss Stinson Breaks Aviation Record.

Binghamton, May 23.—Katherine Stinson, the aviatrix, who left Chicago this morning to fly to New York, carrying government mail, damaged her airplane while attempting a landing two miles north of this city at 6:40 o'clock tonight. The machine overturned just as it reached the ground, smashing the propeller and damaging one of the wings. Miss Stinson was uninjured, and directed the work of righting the machine.

Having covered 783 miles from Chicago to this city in ten hours, Miss Stinson bettered by about nine miles the distance made by Ruth Law in her record-breaking flight in the fall of 1916.

### Death of A. L. Wix.

A. L. Wix, an old and highly esteemed citizen of this county, died at his home in Pleasant Gap township, Monday afternoon, May 27, after an illness of about a year with cancer of the stomach. About the first of the month he went to Kansas City, where an operation was performed with the hope that his condition might be benefited, but the hope was vain and he returned home where he lingered a few days when death put an end to his suffering.

Mr. Wix was a native of Bates county, being born here June 18, 1855. His whole life, with the exception of a short time spent in Texas, was spent within a few miles of the place of his birth. He had been twice married, his second wife and seven children surviving him. The children are: John Wix, Mrs. Mary Ferrell, Mrs. Claude Baker, Mrs. Arthur Baker, of this county and Misses Anna, Lena and Sallie Baker, who are at home. Early in life he united with the Christian church and lived his life in conformity with the teaching of that faith. He was a good citizen and his passing will be mourned by a host of friends that he has made in his long residence in this county.

Funeral services, conducted by Dr. W. S. Maxey, at the home in Pleasant Gap township, Tuesday afternoon and interment made in the Meyers cemetery.

### World's Knitting Record of Socks in Two Hours Held by Detroit Woman.

Detroit, May 24.—The world's knitting record is claimed by Mrs. Fred Springer of Detroit, who yesterday won the knitting contest conducted here by the Red Cross in which more than 700 women took part. In two hours Mrs. Springer completed twenty-one inches of a man's sock—the leg, heel and three inches of the foot.

The contest was held in the downtown section with thousands of spectators lining the streets. Several men knitters had been announced as participants, but none was on hand when the contest began.

### One Load of Steers Brought \$5,678.00

J. E. Spencer, president of The Farmers State Bank of East Lynne, Mo., made his record cattle sale Tuesday of this week, when he marketed at the Kansas City Stock Yards a carload of steers, of his own feeding, which brought a total sum of \$5,678.00. This is probably the largest amount ever paid for a carload of steers sold on the open market.

Mr. Spencer is a well-known Cass County, Missouri, live stock farmer and feeder, who recalls the time when one-fourth of the above amount would have been considered a fair price for a carload of corn-fed steers. —From Wednesday's Daily Drivers Telegram.

### County Sunday School Officers.

The following officers of the Bates county Sunday School Union were elected at the convention held at Passaic the first three days of last week: President, George Sunderwirth, Prairie City; vice-president, Miss Emma Hyatt, Adrian; secretary, Miss Myrtle Randall, Butler; treasurer, A. C. Moreland, Butler; elementary secretary, Miss Nina Culver, Butler; teacher training, Leonard Hagenauer, Prairie City; home and adult, Mrs. Mary Lane, Rich Hill.

The meeting place for the next convention will be decided later.

### Logan-Moore Give to the Red Cross.

A. C. Coberly, local manager of the Logan-Moore lumber yard, has received a letter from the head office of the company, in Kansas City, instructing him to contribute \$75 to the local Red Cross.

The Logan-Moore company will contribute \$1,000 to this fund at this time, the amount to be apportioned to their different yards. This speaks well for the patriotism of the men at the head of the company and this large contribution will perhaps be the means of relieving much distress and suffering.

### Rev. Lewis Keele Will Preach at Pleasant Home for Another Year.

The Pleasant Home Baptist church, in Deepwater township, has recalled the Rev. L. W. Keele, of this city for another year. In addition to his duties at Pleasant Home he will also preach at the Antioch church, in Spruce, the New Hope church south of town, and Sunday afternoons at the Cornland church.

Another big steam shovel has been secured to work in the Montrose coal field. It is being shipped from some point in Kansas and will be set up and put to work as soon as it arrives.

### LAND BANK LOANS 92 MILLION

The Cost of Operating the System is  
Being Reduced Rapidly.

Washington, May 24.—The twelve federal land banks established under the Farm Loan Act have made loans to farmers to the amount of \$91,865,586.20, according to a statement of condition for April 30, 1918, issued today by the farm loan board. This date marks practically the close of the first year's business.

The capital stock of the banks has increased from 9 million dollars to \$13,594,895, and farm loan bonds to the amount of \$83,750,000 have been issued. The banks' excess of expenses and interest charges over earnings amounted to \$411,954.24, which is about 3 per cent of the capital.

The loans include \$68,675,561 at 5 per cent and \$23,100,025 at 5 1-2 per cent. The total payments by borrowers overdue on April 30 amounted to less than \$14,000, and more than half of this amount is only thirty days overdue. The amount ninety days overdue is \$2,503.

It is stated that the excess of expenses and charges over earnings has been reduced rapidly during the last four months as the volume of business increased. The figures represent practically twelve months' expenses and six months' receipts, as it was not until the banks had been in operation six months that they had any appreciable amount of receipts. The expenses include the costs of appraisal and part of the costs of determination of title of additional loans to the amount of about \$3 million dollars which have been approved but not yet closed.

### U. S. FLIERS GUARD PARIS

The Best American Pilots Assigned  
to Special Escadrille.

Paris, May 24.—An American escadrille composed of aviators chosen from among the best American pilots, in the future will help to defend Paris against enemy air raids. Offer of this help was made spontaneously by the chief of the American aviation service and accepted by the French government through M. Deummler, minister of aviation.

An official announcement says the American offer was made after a German air raid some time ago. It was proposed to organize an American escadrille especially detailed to defend the French capital. Final arrangements were concluded today.

### TO PROBE BOMBPROOF JOBS

House Seeks Information on Men of  
Draft Age Working for U. S.

Washington, May 22.—Recent statements by members of the House that Secretary Houston had obtained deferred classification for two thousand men of draft age in the Department of Agriculture brought resolutions today calling on all Cabinet officers to inform the House the number of men liable for military service employed in their departments for whom exemption has been requested and obtained, and the character of the work they are performing. The resolutions were offered by Representative Nadden of Illinois.

### Mission Day at New Hope.

Preaching and business meeting at New Hope church Saturday night, June 1st. Subject for sermon, "Where is the Lamb." On Sunday June 2, we will have an all day program and dinner. Program is a combined one of Mission Day and Childrens Day. Prof. H. O. Maxey will speak in afternoon at 3 o'clock. Young men's quartette will also be with us and sing. Come, let us make this a religious-patriotic day. Lecture on Sunday morning on 7 ways Missions have helped make civilization what it is today. Everybody welcome.

L. W. Keele.

### Babies Deprived of Milk Supply by High Prices.

Washington, May 25.—At least one-half of the babies of the country are deprived of their normal supply of milk because of high prices, was the startling conclusion drawn by food administration officials this afternoon from figures compiled here. Drastic action probably will be taken by the government unless dealers attempt to cut the heavy overhead charges responsible for increased prices, it was stated.

### Missouri Third in Thrift Stamp Sales.

Missouri with \$13,547,474.54 to her credit, stands third among the states of the Union in per capita sales of Saving Stamps or Baby Bond sales. The quota of Bates county is \$517,000 and the sales up to April first amounted to \$90,000, or 17 per cent of the quota.

### OFF TO TRAINING CAMP

63 Bates County Boys Left  
Wednesday.

The sixty-five registrants whose names were published in last week's Times as having been ordered to camp left for Camp Dodge, Iowa, Wednesday night at 9:55 o'clock on a special train.

The business section of the town was decorated with the national colors in honor of the boys throughout the day.

Butler Lodge No. 958 B. P. O. Elks turned their club rooms over to the boys for the day, and there the young men established headquarters to visit with their families and their friends.

At 8 o'clock p. m. a dainty lunch was served the boys and their families by the Red Cross Canteen Committee, who were assisted by a number of young ladies.

The young men were each presented with a testament by Rev. Scroggs, who made a short talk.

One of the most delightful features of the entertainment was the musical program, arranged for by the Commercial Club Committee, which consisted of Mrs. W. E. Walton, John Coleman and Judge C. J. Henry.

At about 9 o'clock the Butler band turned out in honor of the boys and after playing a few selections at the Elks Club rooms escorted them to the depot, where a large crowd of friends and the families of the boys bade them Godspeed with cheers and tears.

### Must Register With the County Clerk

The county registration board has received instructions that the registration for selective draft service of those who have reached the age of twenty-one since the registration last June will be held on June 5th this year. There will be no boards appointed in the different townships, but according to the orders received all registrants must register with the secretary of the board, Frank Holland. The members of the local board had hoped that the registration could be held in each township, as it was last year, so that the young men would not have to come to Butler, but for the reason that there will be a much smaller number to register it was thought best to have all of the work done at one place and by one set of officers. Don't forget. All who have reached the age of twenty-one on or before June 5th must register.

### Report of the Bates County Seed Corn Testing Station.

The Bates County Seed Corn testing station that has been in operation since March 1st, was closed for the season, May 13. During the time that the testing station was in operation 600 bushels were tested, which necessitated the handling of 50,000 ears. 9000 ears were thrown out as unfit for planting and it is estimated that 27,000 bushels will be added to the 1918 crop as a result of this elimination. 61 farmers took advantage of the station and had their seed tested.

It was seen that the Bates county farmer is not so careful in the selection of his seed corn as he should be. The committee had considerable difficulty in securing enough good corn to fill the demand that was made on them.

Through lack of proper facilities and experience we may have made some mistakes, but these mistakes will serve as stepping stones for the future. Much more corn was brought to the station for testing than was anticipated and this added somewhat to our difficulties.

We wish to thank those who have helped us by their co-operation and support in this important work which we feel sure will add many hundreds of bushels to the corn crop of Bates county.

Very sincerely yours,  
L. W. Keele,  
Manager Bates County Seed Corn Testing Station.

### Farm Help.

Dr. J. T. Hull, president of the Commercial Club, has a list of men who can be had for harvesting or farm work. Any farmer wanting help, or who expects to want help should call on him, but as the majority of these men are already working, it is necessary to make the application a few days ahead of time. Those in the north part of the county should apply to D. F. Andes, at Adrian.

### We Have an Honor Flag.

Butler has joined the Honor Flag class. The flag for the Third Liberty Loan has been received and on pleasant days can be seen just under Old Glory on the flag pole in the northeast corner of the Court house yard. In design it is somewhat like a service flag—red border with a white field—but instead of the blue stars in a white field there are three vertical blue stripes.